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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED ILO MARITIME CONFERENCE CANDIDATE ISSUE WITH

MFA ACTING POLITICAL DIRECTOR COLDING JULY 23. COLDING SAID HE CHAIRED INTERAGENCY GOVERNMENT MEETING ON ISSUE AS RESULT OF WHICH MFA HAS SENT INSTRUCTIONS TO ITS EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON AND TOKYO AND ITS MISSION GENEVA.

COLDING SAYS INSTRUCTIONS WERE THAT NORWEGIANS (1) WISH TO DO NOTHING WHICH WILL RESULT IN AN EASTERN EUROPEAN BEING ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ILO MARITIME CONFERENCE "IN THE PRESENT SITUATION." HE SAID FOR INFORMATION OF EMBASSY "IN THE PRESENT SITUATION" MEANS THAT NORWAY DOES NOT WISH TO DO ANYTHING WHICH MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TO ENCOURAGING US TO DECIDE TO LEAVE ILO, BUT THAT NORWEGIANS DID NOT BELIEVE THAT EAST EUROPEANS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED PERMANENTLY FROM ILO POSITIONS. ADDITIONALLY, NORWAY (2) PLANS TO TAKE SEVERAL ADDITIONAL STEPS BEFORE DECIDING ITS FINAL POSITION ON ILO CANDIDACE: (A) TO CONSULT WITH NORWEGIAN LABOR AND EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES TO SEEK BY AUGUST 15 THEIR VIEWS ON ISSUE, WHICH HE SAID WOULD BE IMPORTANT IN GOVERNMENT'S DECISIONS, AND (B) TO ASCERTAIN HOW REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES FEEL ABOUT CANDIDACY AT THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION FEDERATION (ITF) MEETING IN HAMBURG SEPT 1-2. HE SAID NORWEGIANS HAD NO IDEA WHAT ITF REACTION WOULD BE AS THERE ARE LARGE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES AND GOVERNMENT-LABOR AND EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH.

3. FOLLOWING THESE CONSULTATIONS NORWEGIANS WOULD DECIDE THEIR FINAL POSITION. IN MEANTIME, COLDING SAID, THEY WOULD NEITHER SEEK TO PUSH NOR WITHDRAW HAREIDE'S CANDIDACY. COLDING EMPHASIZED THAT NORWEGIANS WISHED VERY STRONGLY TO WORK THIS OUT WITHIN THE SHARED MUTUAL OBJECTIVES OF US AND NORWAY.
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